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- 1. MARCH 8 AL AKHBAR REPORTED PRC MIN TRADE SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN CAIRO MARCH 24 FOR ONE-WEEK VISIT. PURPOSE OF VISIT REPORTEDLY TO HOLD TALKS ON TRADE COOPERATION AND TO CONCLUDE 1978 TRADE PROTOCOL. (PRC EMBOFF HAS CONFIRMED VISIT TO US, BUT SAID DATES NOT YET SET.)
- 2. ALSO ON MARCH 8, AL GUMHURRIYA REPORTED RETURN OF GOE MIN PETROLEUM, INDUSTRY AND MINERAL WEALTH HILAL FROM TEN-DAY VISIT TO PRC. STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION IN MINING AND OIL INDUSTRIES AMONG TOPICS REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED BY HILAL. AGREEMENT ALSO REACHED, ACCORDING TO PRESS, ON EXCHANGE OF TECHNICAL DATA AND MISSIONS.
- 3. COMMENT: PRESS IS NOT FORTHCOMING ON DETAILS OF COMMODITIES TO BE TRADED UNDER PROTOCOL; NO MENTION WAS MADE OF POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. WE NOTE THAT 1977 PROTOCOL WAS APPROXIMATELY LE 80 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILLION, UP LE 20 MILLION FROM 1976 (SEE REFTAL A).
1978 PROTOCOL COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER AS
REFLECTION OF INCREASING PRC VISIBILITY IN EGYPT (REF B).
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